GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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Chief of Defence Staff
Singh Shri Ravneet

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to create the post of Chief of Defence Staff to promote coordination in planning, operations and modernisation of the three armed forces; and

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with the objectives of creation of such post?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MANOHAR PARRIKAR)

(a) & (b): Creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was recommended by Group of Ministers in 2001. A decision in this regard was to be taken after consultation with political parties. The consultation process however is not yet complete as all political parties have not responded. Subsequently, Naresh Chandra Task Force on National Security recommended creation of the post of Permanent Chairman Chief of Staff Committee in 2012. Both the proposals are simultaneously under consideration of the Government.

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